Assistance from Britain

4232. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Britain has decided to triple its development assistance to India at 300 million pounds from the prevailing 100 million pounds; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) After the recent visit of Ms. Clare Short, Secretary of State for International Development, United Kingdom, she has sent a letter to Finance Minister indicating UK's plan at least to triple their direct assistance to India — from present around 100 million pounds to 300 million pounds a year, in three years time. However, the UK Government has not yet conveyed their approval thereto.

Inclusion of HSD facility in MS retail outlets

4233. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether IWG had submitted proposal to add HSD facility on all lone MS retail outlets considering the disaffiliation of passenger cars;

(b) if so, whether BPC retail outlet has been resited at Greater Kailash, Ring Road, New Delhi and the said retail outlet was having MS and HSD both the facility on original location during sixties;

(c) whether BPC has already obtained the storage licence for HSD on its resited location; and

(d) the number of lone MS retail outlets in the country which have been provided HSD facilities during the last three years and the reasons for discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) The Oil Industry has submitted a proposal to the